

INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS
INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION --
DECEMBER 13, 1950 at 4:00 p.m. IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

PRESENT: Department of State - Mr. Barrett, Director
Mr. Stone, Executive Secretary
Mr. Phillips
Mr. Hulten
Department of Defense - General Magruder
Joint Chiefs of Staff - Admiral Stevens
Department of the Army - General McClure
Col. Davis
Central Intelligence Agency - Mr. Wisner
National Security Resources Board - Mr. Sheppard
Economic Cooperation Administration - Mr. Berding

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

It was agreed that the conduct of future meetings would be governed by the procedures outlined in Mr. Barrett's memorandum of December 15 on this subject.

With regard to item I on the agenda, Mr. Barrett called attention to the Weekly Guidance of December 13 with particular reference to removal of previous restrictions on direct attribution of responsibility to the Soviet Union for aggression. At Mr. Barrett's request, Mr. Phillips reported that an ad hoc working group had been established, under his chairmanship, to develop a current psychological plan directed toward the Soviet Union. Work on this plan will be coordinated with a current political review of objectives toward Russia.

There was a brief discussion of the present need for guidance to correct impressions abroad that all U. S. military strength has been committed in Korea. General McClure called attention to a statement in the press attributed to an official of the American Embassy in Korea, which might be interpreted as a commitment by the U. S. Mr. Barrett undertook to check into this matter.

With regard to item II of the agenda, the Korea Plan was accepted as a contingency plan for implementation when and where appropriate. The title of the plan was amended to read, "A Contingency Plan for Exploitation of Psychological Warfare Operations created by the Korea Situation."

Recommendations submitted by Mr. Stone and Col. Davis for implementation of certain portions of the plan, when

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feasible, were approved. In this connection it was noted that implementation of such contingency plans would normally require careful review of the situation existing at the time of activation.

A draft agreement on communications channels between the Department of State and the Department of Defense to support the execution of the emergency plan was accepted, for signature by Mr. Barrett and General McClure.

With regard to item III, General McClure reported briefly on a meeting with Army Chaplains regarding Moslems. He will report further if additional information becomes available.

With regard to item IV, Mr. Barrett reported that the Department of State is preparing a current psychological plan for Germany based on the Carroll-Speier report. The plan will be circulated for comments and suggestions. Mr. Wisner reported that CIA had prepared written comments on the Carroll-Speier report which would be forwarded through regular channels. Mr. Barrett invited written comments from other members.

Item V on the agenda -- Report on Roster of Personnel for Psychological Warfare, was postponed until the next meeting.

Dean Burchard of MIT presented an oral report on Project Troy.

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